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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director

SUBJECT : Summary of the Status of Disarmament Policy Discussions

This memorandum is for information only.

1. The meeting of the President's Special Committee on Disarmament problems on 7 January considered drafts of six papers dealing with the subjects:

a. A suggested statement from Ambassador Lodge and the UN General Assembly, perhaps on Thursday of this week;

b. Two drafts of a UN General Assembly resolution on disarmament, one prepared by Governor Stassen's Staff, the other by the USUN Staff;

c. Three draft US Position papers, one dealing with Soviet proposals of 17 June reference withdrawal of armed forces from the NATO and Warsaw Pact countries; the second a Soviet proposal of 17 November relative aerial photography; the third on Norwegian proposals in the UN relative registration of nuclear test explosions.

2. The suggested statement for Ambassador Lodge proposes to the General Assembly renewed negotiations in the UN Disarmament Committee, indicating objectives of such negotiations and outlining six US proposals designed to meet the objectives. In summary these proposals are:

a. That agreement be reached under which at an early date under effective inspection, all future production of fissionable materials shall be used or stockpiled exclusively for non-weapons purposes under international supervision;

b. If such agreement to control future production of fissionable materials can be reached, the US would propose to limit immediately and to eliminate in a secure manner all nuclear test explosions, and pending negotiation of such agreement to work out methods of advance notification and registration of such tests;

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c. To move ahead toward realization of a first stage in reduction of conventional armaments, armed forces and military expenditures as a basis for measurement of force levels of 2 1/2 million for the US and USSR, 750,000 for the UK and France, concerning which there are indications of agreement, this to be effected through a progressive establishment of an effective inspection system concurrent with such reductions;

d. As a first step to insuring that future developments in sending objects into outer space would be devoted to peaceful and scientific purposes, to bring such testing under international inspection and participation with fair and reliable means of control;

e. A progressive installation of inspection systems that will provide against possible great surprise attack, implementing as an opening step or a later step, the proposals made by President Eisenhower at Geneva and subsequent proposals of Bulganin relative to ground inspection;

f. Early action to establish an international agency for regulation of armaments, to begin preparing inspectors and administrators, and to develop methods and techniques.

COMMENT:

The Departments and Agencies suggested a few changes, mostly of an editorial nature, but there was general agreement that the suggested statement for Ambassador Lodge was adequate and in accord with announced policy decisions.

3. Two drafts of a proposed UN General Assembly resolution requesting the Disarmament Committee to reconvene its Subcommittee at an early date with a view to considering disarmament proposals submitted by the US, USSR, and others that may be presented. Both drafts, one prepared by Governor Stassen's Staff here, the other by the US/UN Staff were with slight modifications considered suitable for discussion with other Western Powers, during which an agreed version would be developed before being submitted for consideration in the General Assembly.

4. The Special Committee was in general agreement that the US position on the Soviet proposals of November 17 relative to withdrawal of armed forces from NATO and Warsaw Pact countries and relative to aerial inspection involved policy decision

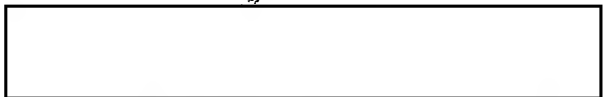
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beyond the full competence of the Special Committee, and should be considered by the NSC Planning Board. It was moved that the suggested drafts be referred to the Planning Board for consideration.

5. The draft US Position on the November proposal relative to advance notification and registration of nuclear test explosions indicates favorable reaction but a necessity for more specific details prior to final decision.

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